

House Study Bill 26 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BALTIMORE)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the board of parole notifying a crime victim
2 of a parole hearing.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 915.18, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
2 2015, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. Not less than ~~twenty~~ ninety days prior to conducting
4 a hearing at which the board will interview an offender, the
5 board shall notify the victim of the interview and inform
6 the victim that the victim may submit the victim's opinion
7 concerning the release of the offender in writing prior to the
8 hearing or may appear personally or by counsel at the hearing
9 to express an opinion concerning the offender's release.

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EXPLANATION

11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 This bill relates to the board of parole notifying a crime
14 victim of a parole hearing. The bill requires the board of
15 parole to notify a victim not less than 90 days prior to the
16 parole hearing of the perpetrator of the crime. Current law
17 requires the board of parole to notify a victim not less than
18 20 days prior to such a hearing.